

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 01-07-24**

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For Work Week Commencing: July 23, 2001
Business Meeting: July 24, 2001, 9:00 a.m.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dave).

1. D97.7.90 – MPC – Order on Commission Authority – 5986t – To Discuss MPC's motion to reconsider Commission order No. 5986t and to discuss the lawsuit filed by PPL (7/24/01)
2. D2001.6.76 – Qwest – PSC investigation of the need to reduce Qwest's carrier access rates – To ask retroactive approval of a staff action (7/24/01)
3. D2000.1.11 – Qwest and Citizens – Sale of exchanges – Discuss staff recommendations regarding the sale and stipulation and seek Commission direction regarding the final order (7/24/01)
4. D99.7.172 and D2000.6.95 – Mid-Rivers and 3 Rivers – Additional EAS, Billings and Great Falls – Discussion, direction, or action on reconsideration (7/24/01)
5. D2001.5.50 (Terry) and D2001.5.52 (Fairview) – Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative – Mid-Rivers application for ETC status in the Terry and

Fairview exchanges – Discussion, direction, or action on applications for ETC status (7/24/01)

6. John Doe – utility customer name change rulemaking – discussion on rulemaking pertaining to utility customer name changes (7/24/01)
7. L-01.6.3-RUL – draft rule on telephone number privacy – Discussion, direction, or action on draft rule (7/24/01)
8. L-01.6.2-RUL – PSC Electronic Documents – External – Discussion, direction, or action on proposed rule to require certain filings before the PSC to be accompanied by an electronic version (7/24/01)
9. D2000.5.70 – Qwest – 271 Checklist Item on Reciprocal Compensation – To discuss recommendations on disputed issues (7/26/01)

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 8:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. CONOCO GAS & POWER MARKETING N2001.6.74 (Will)

On June 15, 2001, Conoco Gas & Power Marketing filed an application for an electricity supplier license. The Company does not intend to serve residential or small business customers.

2. MONTANA POWER COMPANY DOCKET NO. D2001.3.30 (Eric)

On July 3, 2001, MPC filed an application seeking an Accounting Order to accrue and defer the administrative costs associated with implementation of the Electrical Energy Pool. An Accounting Order has been drafted which allows MPC to accrue and defer these administrative costs through June 30, 2002.

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.state.mt.us/PublicComment/PublicComment.htm>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. QWEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Docket N2001.7.88 (Leroy)

On July 3, 2001, QWEST Communications, Inc, filed Tariff Transmittal 01-19 "Federal Telephone Assistance Plan (TAP) Credit Increase. The purpose of the filing is to increase the Federal Telephone Assistance Plan credit from \$4.35 to \$5.00 to offset the \$0.65 increase in the Residence Subscriber Line Charge. Qwest is requesting an effective date of July 3, 2001 in order that the increase in the Montana TAP credit coincide with the effective date of the increase in Residence Subscriber Line Charge.

2. MMW ARCHITECTS & MPC D2001.7.90 (Joel)

On July 10, 2001, MMW Architects of Missoula and MPC filed a request for an exemption from the tariffed service rules prohibiting master metering in multiple occupancy buildings. MMW is designing an 18 unit housing project referred to as HomeWORD and has provided the required cost data showing the cost of separate meters versus master metering.

3. N2001.7.85 – Ronan Telephone Company (RTC) (Ryan)

On July 2, 2001, Ronan Telephone Company (RTC) filed: Notice and Application for Approval of Detariffed New Services – Local Plus (+) Toll Free, Toll Blocking, and Conference Service. Memo will be routed.

4. N2001.7.86 – Ronan Telephone Company (RTC) (Ryan)

On July 2, 2001, Ronan Telephone Company (RTC) filed: Notice of Withdrawal of Services: Private Line Services, Wide Area Telecommunications Service and Long Distance Message Telecommunications Service. Memo will be routed.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 01-07-30

New Filings Received in Past Week

- N2001.7.88 – Qwest Corporation – Tariff Trans 01-19 Federal Telephone Assistance Plan (TAP) credit increase
- D2001.7.89 – Montana-Dakota Utility – MDU Gas Cost Tracker
- D2001.7.90 – Montana Power Co – MPC request for exemption to Master Meter Rule
- D2001.7.91 – Qwest Corporation – Qwest/Ciera agreement for terms & conditions for interconnection & resale
- D2001.7.92 – Energy West – Energy West Gas Tracker